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Instructions on Caring for Your Wood Floors

Short Term – Daily/Weekly Maintenance

First and foremost, the best thing you can do is **keep your floors swept** (or vacuumed). Dirt, sand and grit are the biggest “killers” of any wood floor finish. Make sure to have heavy felt floor protectors under furniture and NEVER drag any thing across the floors.

Next would be mopping with a damp **mop with just warm water**.

You can use a cleaner that **says it is for wood floors**, but it is not recommended that it be used more than once every week or two, as it can create build up. We use **Bona** floor cleaning products. You can find them online at www.bona.com, also some hardware stores carry these products.

Never use anything wax or chemical based or Murphy's Oil Soap!! These can leave an invisible film on your floor, and when it is time for a recoat (long term maintenance), it CAN cause the new top coat to peel or bubble, and in which case the only correction would be re-sanding the entire floor!

Long Term Maintenance

Every so often your floor will need a **recoat**. This consists of lightly screening the surface of the floor (for adhesion purposes) and applying one coat of polyurethane. The room does need to be emptied out again, but it only takes one day, is substantially less expensive and has minimal dust in comparison to actually sanding the floor. Recoating will NOT take out and gray or black areas, scratches or gouges, or anything left on the floor (i.e.: spills, dripped paint etc.) but it will keep your wood floor protected, and make it look renewed! If you cared for your floor as described above and keep up on recoating, your floor should last for years to come.

Every household is different. Some people need recoats once a year, especially in main traffic areas like kitchens, some can go **several years** with out needing one. The key is to make sure that you are getting it recoated BEFORE it gets to the point where you have walked through the finish and are getting dirt into the grain of the wood, leaving your main traffic areas looking gray or black. One way to tell is when you see the finish looking really dull or bodiless and on certain angles almost appearing white. Again, the timing on this is different for everyone.

We hope you find this information on the short and long term maintenance of your wood floors helpful and, as always, if you have any questions feel free to call us or email us at **JTsFloorRefinishing@comcast.net**.

Your floor professionals,

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